

Funding District/School Mentor Program

Providing adequate funding for a school or district mentor program can be a challenge. Prior to starting a program, it is ideal to ensure that a mentor program is a funding priority for your school or district. This decision, more than likely, will have been reached by a committee that includes administrators, Board of Trustees members, teachers and parents. Once a school or district has decided that a mentor program is a high priority, there are a number of funding sources to accomplish this goal.

When using federal or state grants, be sure that the mentor program budget is included in the district's application to the OPI and approved. In addition, check with the district superintendent or business manager because they will know any recent changes in the funding laws.

Money could be drawn from the following programs with the proper justification, and district and state approval when necessary:

- Title I Part A: Through the professional development portion.
- Title II Part A: Directly a part of training and recruiting.
- Title II Part D: Providing mentoring for technology integration.
- Title VI Part B: REAP - Rural Education Achievement Program.
- Medicaid Reimbursements received for School-Based Health Services: Can be used in any manner.
- Perkins
- Impact Aid
- IDEA - Part B: May be used by a school or district to support mentoring activities for special education personnel. This money may not be used to support the mentoring activities for general education personnel.
- General Fund
- Grants from the community or foundations.